COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
MAY 20, 2014

Mayor Kristen Brown called a regular meeting of the City Common
Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council
Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

A. Opening Prayer was given by Rick Herman with First Christian
Church.

B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.

C. Roll Call was taken. Dascal Bunch, Ryan Brand, Frank Jerome,
Frank Miller, Tim Shuffett, Kenneth Whipker, and James
Lienhoop were present.

D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to approve the minutes from the
City Council meeting on May 7, 2014 as presented. Councilor
Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7)
in favor and zero (0) opposed.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.___,
2014, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SHADOW CREEK
FARMS PRELIMINARY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
(PUD) PLAN." (Shadow Creek Farms Preliminary PUD
Modification) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, introduced Bill
Bryant with Beazer Homes of Indiana, who is the current
developer of the Shadow Creek Farms subdivision. Jeff explained
Beazer Home's primary request is to change a small area
designated as "neighborhood commercial" use along County Road
150 West, be combined with the residential section adjacent to the
location. The area would be used as open space and creation of a
pond is planned. Jeff stated the second part of the request is to
revise stipulations that were placed on the development as a part of
its original approval. Jeff stated the Columbus Plan Commission
gave a unanimous favorable recommendation. There were no
comments from the public. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to
pass the second reading and adopt the ordinance. Councilor Bunch
seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

B. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.___,
2014, AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND DECLARING
CERTAIN TERRITORY TO BE A PART OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBUS, INDIANA." (Joel Spoon / Stonehaven Annexation)
Jeff Bergman presented this ordinance for annexation, in addition
to Item C below regarding a rezoning request. Jeff explained the
request is for a total annexation of 13.65 acres, which includes
right-of-way. Joel Spoon is requesting a voluntary annexation and
plans to develop a subdivision of approximately 25 single-family
homes on property adjacent to the City limits. Jeff stated there are
three (3) separate corresponding steps of criteria for each one. 1)
City Council has final approval over the annexation. 2) City

Council has final approval over the rezoning. 3) Approval of the subdivision preliminary plat, the layout of the lots, road improvements along the frontage, and general design of the subdivision itself. Jeff stated the Columbus Plan Commission has already approved the preliminary plat and contingent upon the annexation and rezoning being adopted by City Council. A condition of the approval was that intersection designs on Goeller Boulevard and CR 350 W meet the scrutiny and applicable standards of the City Engineer. Jeff stated the criteria for annexation provides that the property be contiguous of the city limits. The second criterion is whether or not municipal services can be provided to the property in the same manner that is provided to other similar properties throughout the city. Councilor Shuffett stated he appreciated further explanation from Jeff Bergman on the annexation requirements. He indicated the annexation meets the specified criteria and property should be annexed into the city for development. He further stated collaborative efforts to address previous issues with City and County Engineers have been invaluable. Discussion followed. Councilor Miller asked about the cul-de-sac plan. Joel Spoon explained the consensus was to not include a cul-de-sac in the plan design. Mayor opened the meeting for public comment. Julie Aton, 217 S 350 W, thanked the entire group for working together. She questioned the roadwork regarding the hill near her home and asked for the ability to hook onto City Utilities as a compromise for being inconvenienced by the roadwork. Jeff Bergman stated there is a Utility Review Committee that addresses requests for hook-ons outside of city limits. Mayor closed the meeting for public comment. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the annexation on the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Further discussion followed. Motion passed by a vote of seven (7) in favor and zero (0) opposed.

C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.___, 2014, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "AP" (AGRICULTURE: PREFERRED) TO "RS3" (RESIDENTIAL: SINGLE-FAMILY 3)." (Joel Spoon / Stonehaven Rezoning) Jeff Bergman presented this rezoning request which is in conjunction with the previous agenda item. Jeff explained the criteria on the rezoning, which includes: a comprehensive plan; the current conditions and the character of current structures and uses in each district; the most desirable use for which the land in each district is adapted; the conservation of property values throughout the jurisdiction of the city; and responsible growth and development. Jeff displayed photos of the area proposed for rezoning. Jeff stated the Columbus Plan Commission sent forth a unanimous favorable recommendation on the rezoning. Discussion followed. Mayor opened the meeting for public comment. Julie Aton clarified repair/replacement of a culvert along 350 W, by stating the culvert is in the city but the county will be doing the work. Public comment was closed by Mayor. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the rezoning request on the first reading and place in proper channels. Councilor Brand seconded the motion. Further discussion followed. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

A. Reading of a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.____, 2014 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INDIANA HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT- DISASTER RELIEF II OF CITY OF COLUMBUS." Carl Malysz, Community Development Director and Eric Frey with Administrative Resources Association presented this resolution. Carl explained the City of Columbus, along with ARa and Southern Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority, applied for funds for an owner occupied rehab program. The City was awarded $262,500.00 and needs approval authorizing the parties to accept the grant. Councilor Bunch asked if this grant was strictly for the Ninth Street area. Carl said the priority is for the Ninth Street Park Neighborhood, second priority would be homeowners in the greater Lincoln Central Neighborhood, and third would be for homeowners citywide as long as they meet the requirements from the income standpoint. There were no comments from the public. Councilor Brand questioned how quickly the process of reviewing applications will start. Carl anticipates gathering applications within the next thirty days. Councilor Jerome asked if there was a limit per household. Eric stated the maximum amount per home is $25,000. Councilor Shuffett made a motion to pass the resolution. Councilor Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

IV. Other Business

A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports – Councilor Bunch passed out a Parking Proposal Summary for the downtown area.

B. Discussion Items:

1.) Emergency Operations Center. Console Upgrade – Matt Caldwell explained the 2010 Integrated Public Safety Commission requires that all new radios operating on the statewide system be P25 ready. Current consoles are in need of updating. A joint Council meeting was held recently, with a unanimous vote to move forward with this project. Matt stated the cost, with ten (10) year warranty, would be $675,232. The City's portion would be approximately $371,000. Without this upgrade our city and county would not be able to communicate with nearby counties that are already using the P25 system. It was recommended this be placed on the next agenda.

2.) Flood Risk Management Plan Adoption Discussion. Jeff Bergman stated the City of Columbus participates in a program known as the Community Rating System (CRS), a FEMA program which rewards communities for being proactive about minimizing flood risks. Jeff explained homeowners needing flood insurance could receive a discount if the city passes a resolution adopting the city's plan of minimizing flood risks. Council requested this item be placed on the next Council agenda.

3.) Parks Capital Improvement Project List Update - Matt Caldwell discussed bringing a resolution before Council for approval of parks capital projects.

C. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.**

D. Councilor Shuffett made a motion for adjournment. Councilor Whipker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:03 P.M.

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Presiding Officer

Attest:

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Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus